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SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE ARMY, NAVY AND THE AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Coordination of Satellite and Space Vehicle Operations (U)

Reference is made to the Secretary of Defense's memorandum of September 18, 1959, subject as above.

The decisions set down in the referenced memorandum are re-affirmed. Additionally, it is desired to emphasize the establishment of a joint military organization for control over operational space systems does not appear necessary or desirable at this time.

With specific reference to the first full paragraph on page 3 of the September 18, 1959, memorandum, the appropriate Military Department will include in its detailed plans for a particular system not only the user relationships with unified and specified commands and other appropriate agencies, but also, where applicable, provision for the exercise of appropriate operational authority by the unified and specified commanders responsible for the functional areas concerned.

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